Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Were these saplings or logs or toplings subsequently sold at public auction?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No. It was given to the Ranger.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It was given to the very same person who was responsible for the whole thing?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is not auction generally conducted when such logs are detected?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—But it was not an illicit transport, so it was given to him.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How is it that it is not illicit? Were the logs stamped when they were detected?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The logs had not been stamped, but they were stamped subsequently.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—That is, when this was detected; on the very same day, the passes were prepared and they were produced before the Southern Divisional Forest Officer before stamping.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Before stamping the saplings were transported to Parakkadavu, and there was no offence in transporting the saplings to Parakkadavu.

259. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether there was any case of illicit transport of logs on which the Parakadavu Tanahdar had reported to the Sub-divisional Forest Officer in the year 1101;

(2) will the Government be further pleased to call for and place on the Table of the House the file of the Southern Divisional Office, Dis. No. 731/01.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 646 of the Legislative Session of Meenam 1104.

Council resolution to allow people to remove without passes head-loads of timber, etc.

260. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the resolution passed by the Council to allow people to remove head-loads of bamboos, fuel, &c., from the forests without permits?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C.3861/1104, dated 26th July 1929, is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The heading is 'head-loads of *timber*'. It is not timber. Timber is not generally removed. It is only fuel.

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President.—What is the supplementary question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The heading is not correctly worded.

Leper Asylum.

261. Mr. A. B. Salem.— 1. Will the Government be pleased to state the present condition of the Leper Asylum at Venduruthi;

2. how many visits were paid by the Hon: visitors during the course of the year 1104 and whether they have made any special remarks that have been brought to the notice of the Government;

3. what is the total amount spent on the proposed Adur Leper Asylum in total so far, and at what stage the same is at present;

4. what amount was spent on the abandoned Anappara Leper Asylum buildings in the year 1104 for its maintenance, P. C. R. works, etc.;

5. will they be pleased to state the names of officers who have inspected this Anappara Leper Asylum buildings in the course of the year and the dates of their respective inspections, if any;

6. will the Government be further pleased to state to what use the cottages built for housing lepers on the Anappara hill sides are to be put in the year 1105 and in what condition they are now;

7. will the Government be pleased to state if any reserved forests or mere forests supposed to contain wild animals exist in the immediate vicinity of the Anappara Leper Asylum or bounding it;

8. will the Government be also pleased to state whether any outside authorities on leprosy have inspected or visited the Adur, Anappara or Venduruthi Asylums in the course of the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— 1. The present condition of the Asylum buildings is fair. The temporary sheds are not quite strong but they will last for some time till the new Asylum buildings are ready.

2. Nil.

3. The total amount spent so far is Rs. 33,444—8—4. Five blocks out of 15 are completed and ten more are in progress and will be completed in a month or two. The other buildings in progress are :—

(1) Surgeon's quarters—nearly complete.

(2) Dispensary In progress.

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 260.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Revenue Department.

(Separate Revenue).

Read correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 1892/04, dated 26th July 1929.

Order C. No. 3861/1105, dated 26th July 1929.

At the meeting of the Cochin Legislative Council held on Wednesday, the 27th of Vrischigam 1104, the following resolution was carried by the Council, Government opposing the same.

Resolution of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar as amended by Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja:—"മുള, മുള്ള°, തൊകല°, തലഭുമട°, വിറക മുതലായ്തു കൾ പാസുകൂടാതെ കൊണ്ടു പോകുവാൻ അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന ഇംകൊൺസ്സിൽ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിനോടു ശുപാർശചെയ്യുന്നു."

In the first place the wording of the resolution is very wide inasmuch as the place or places from which the above-mentioned articles are to be removed have not been specified. There are different categories of lands at the disposal of the Sirkar, viz., porambokes, assessed wastes, unassessed wastes, reserved lands, village reserves and reserved forests. To which of the above the resolution should be applied is not clear. Further മുള, മുള്ള°, തൊകല could be removed in any manner, viz., in cart-loads or changadom loads and not in head loads alone.

In the resolution the word മുതലായ്തുകൾ is inserted. This would allow removal of any species of timber or other forest produce in any quantity from any forest without passes.

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the provisions contained in Article 23 C. F. C., which requires that free passes are to be issued by the Forest Department for the removal of the products enumerated therein in head loads from reserved lands, Government are unable to accept the resolution.

(True extract)
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Secretary to the Diwan.

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